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ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS
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**SUMMARY- NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A FREEWAY SYSTEM TO LINK STATE
ROUTE 65/70 AND ROUTE 99 AND A BRIDGE STRUCTURE OVER THE
FEATHER RIVER, SUTTER AND YUBA COUNTIES**

03-SUT/YUB-65/70 & 99

The east-west freeway link would cross the Feather River south of the communities of Marysville (Yuba County) and Yuba City (Sutter County).

Proposed Action

Construct a freeway system to link State Route 65/70 and State Route 99 and a bridge structure over the Feather River.

Programming:

The project is programmed in the 2000 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as a partnership project with funding coming from the Interregional Improvement Program (IIP), Sutter County's Regional Improvement Program (RIP) share, and Yuba County's RIP share. Adjustments to each share have been proposed in the 2002 STIP. If the California Transportation Commission approves the Staff Recommendations, the project will be programmed in the 2002 STIP for \$6.0 million to complete the Project Approval and Environmental Document stage (\$3.0 million IIP, \$1.5 million Sutter RIP, and \$1.5 million Yuba RIP). The current total estimated cost of all phases, both capital and support, is \$231 million. The additional \$225 million needed to complete the project will be programmed in phases in the future as project alternatives become more fully developed.

Alternatives Being considered:

- B-1: Freeway-to-freeway connectors at SR 70 & SR 99, interchanges at Feather River Blvd., and Garden Highway, a pedestrian overcrossing at Alicia Ave., an overcrossing at Railroad Ave.
- SB-1 ("B" variation): Connection with SR 99 approximately 185 m (600 ft) south of where the B-1 connection would be and would use a different type of interchange.
- FN: Freeway-to-freeway connectors at the SR 70 & 99, interchanges at Forty Mile Road, Feather River Blvd., Stewart Road, and SR 99, overcrossings at Railroad Ave., Stewart Road and Bogue Road.

- FS: Freeway-to-freeway connectors at SR 70, interchanges at Forty Mile Road, Feather River Blvd., and SR 99, overcrossings at Railroad Ave., and Barry Road, an undercrossing at Arboga Road, overheads at two existing railroad tracks.
- No Build: A third bridge crossing of the feather River would not be built.

Potential Significant Environmental Effects:

Potential impacts to endangered species, biological and wetlands resources, impacts to cultural resources (historic structures), noise and air quality, community impacts, agricultural lands, visual impacts and hazardous waste sites all deem it necessary to prepare an Environmental Impact Report.